



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 6757



AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) No person shall,
2 except for purposes directly connected with the administration of
3 programs of the Department of Housing and in accordance with the
4 regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose, receive or make use
5 of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the
6 use of, any list of the names of, or any information concerning, persons
7 applying for or receiving assistance from the Department of Housing
8 or persons participating in a program administered by said
9 department, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers,
10 files or communications of the state or its subdivisions or agencies, or
11 acquired in the course of the performance of official duties. The
12 Commissioner of Housing shall disclose (1) to any authorized
13 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
14 Services any information necessary for the implementation and
15 operation of the basic needs supplement program; (2) to any
16 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative
17 Services, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
18 Protection or the Commissioner of Social Services such information as
19 the Commissioner of Housing determines is directly related to and
20 necessary for the Department of Administrative Services, the
21 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the

22 Department of Social Services to collect social services recoveries and
23 overpayments or amounts due as support in social services cases,
24 investigating social services fraud or locating absent parents of public
25 assistance recipients; (3) to any authorized representative of the
26 Commissioner of Children and Families necessary information
27 concerning a child or the immediate family of a child, including safety
28 net services, if (A) the Commissioner of Children and Families or the
29 Commissioner of Housing has determined that imminent danger to
30 such child's health, safety or welfare exists to obtain the services of the
31 family services programs administered by the Department of Children
32 and Families, or (B) the Commissioner of Children and Families
33 requires access to the federal Parent Locator Service established
34 pursuant to 88 Stat. 2353 (1975), 42 USC 653 in order to identify a
35 parent or putative parent of a child; (4) to any authorized
36 representative of the Commissioner of Early Childhood to carry out his
37 or her respective responsibilities under programs that regulate child
38 day care services or youth camps; (5) to a health insurance provider, in
39 IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
40 section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information concerning a child
41 and the custodial parent of such child that is necessary to enroll such
42 child in a health insurance plan available through such provider when
43 the noncustodial parent of such child is under court order to provide
44 health insurance coverage but is unable to provide such information,
45 provided the Commissioner of Housing determines, after providing
46 prior notice of the disclosure to such custodial parent and an
47 opportunity for such parent to object, that such disclosure is in the best
48 interests of the child; (6) to any authorized representative of the
49 Department of Correction, in IV-D support cases, as defined in
50 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general
51 statutes, information concerning noncustodial parents that is necessary
52 to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who may
53 benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill
54 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly
55 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support
56 obligation; (7) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,

57 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)
58 of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information concerning
59 noncustodial parents that is necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial
60 parents with IV-D support cases who may benefit from educational,
61 training, skill building, work or rehabilitation programming that will
62 significantly increase such parent's ability to fulfill such parent's
63 support obligation, (B) assist in the administration of the Title IV-D
64 child support program, or (C) assist in the identification of cases
65 involving family violence; (8) to any authorized representative of the
66 State Treasurer, in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
67 subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information
68 that is necessary to identify child support obligors who owe overdue
69 child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of such obligors' claim
70 for any property unclaimed or presumed abandoned under part III of
71 chapter 32 of the general statutes; or (9) to any authorized
72 representative of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
73 any information necessary for the implementation and operation of the
74 renters rebate program established by section 12-170d of the general
75 statutes. No person shall disclose any information obtained pursuant
76 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for
77 assistance provided through the Department of Housing shall be
78 notified that, if and when such applicant receives benefits, the
79 department will be providing law enforcement officials with the
80 address of such applicant upon the request of any such official
81 pursuant to section 2 of this act.

82 (b) In IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
83 subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, in addition to
84 the prohibitions of subsection (a) of this section, no information shall
85 be released concerning the whereabouts of one party to another party
86 (1) against whom a protective order, a restraining order or a standing
87 criminal protective order with respect to the former party is in effect;
88 or (2) if the department has reason to believe that the release of the
89 information may result in physical or emotional harm to the former
90 party.

91 (c) The Commissioner of Housing shall provide written notice to a
 92 person applying for or receiving assistance from the Department of
 93 Housing or a person participating in a program administered by said
 94 department that such person's address, telephone number and any
 95 other necessary information may be provided to the Department of
 96 Children and Families pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
 97 this section.

98 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The commissioner shall
 99 disclose the current address of an applicant or recipient of benefits
 100 under any program administered by the Department of Housing,
 101 unless prohibited by federal law, upon the request of a federal, state or
 102 local law enforcement officer if the following conditions are met:

103 (1) Such officer provides said department with the name of the
 104 recipient;

105 (2) (A) Such officer notifies said department that the recipient is
 106 fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after
 107 conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual flees,
 108 for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony or high
 109 misdemeanor under the laws of the place from which the individual
 110 flees, or violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under
 111 federal or state law as a result of the commission of such a felony or
 112 high misdemeanor, or (B) the recipient has information necessary for
 113 such officer to conduct official duties in relation to a crime committed
 114 or an attempt to commit a crime which is a felony or high
 115 misdemeanor in the state in which the crime is committed or
 116 attempted; and

117 (3) The location or apprehension of the recipient is within official
 118 duties of such officer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	New section
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HSG *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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